

Pass It On

Mentor Michigan

What is Mentor Michigan?

One hour a week can make a big difference in a young person's future. Mentor Michigan supports nearly 250 organizations around the state that are changing lives by matching mentors with young people. Mentor Michigan provides those organizations with training and research. It fosters partnerships with businesses, faith-based and nonprofit organizations, schools, colleges and universities, and state and local government to support mentoring.

Mentor Michigan also builds public awareness about the importance of and need for mentors by urging caring adults to "Pass It On," because sharing a little of yourself with a young person can reward both of you with lifelong benefits.

Young people who participate in mentoring relationships often experience long-term benefits and face better outcomes in the following areas:

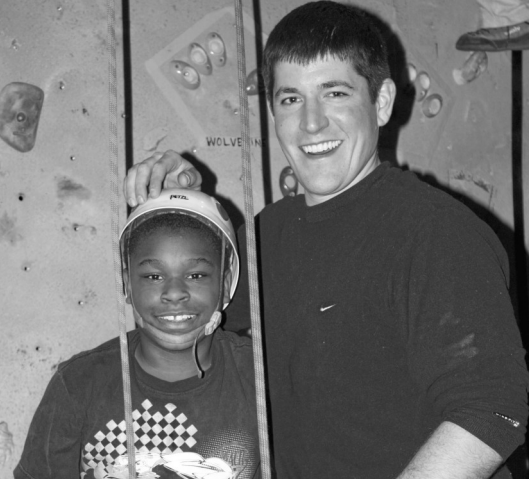
- Educational attainment and the desire to complete high school and attend college;
- Future employment and community engagement;
- Good mental health that leads to higher self-esteem and life satisfaction; and
- Reduced presence of problem behavior and criminal offending.

Mentor Michigan supports nearly 250 mentoring organizations. A 2010 survey of 137 of those organizations concluded:

- **23,706 children** were served by mentors in 2010. A number of these youth were from disadvantaged circumstances; including **335** that lived in foster homes, **211** were diagnosed with a cognitive disability, **124** had a physical disability, **287** had a diagnosed mental health problem or disorder, and **852** had an incarcerated parent.
- **48 percent** of the youth being mentored were male, while **52 percent** were female.
- Michigan had **17,681 active mentors**. Of those, **33 percent** were male while **67 percent** were female.

"Over the years I've seen first-hand how important mentoring can be in the lives of young people. We want you on our team - join us today."

Lloyd Carr
Former University of Michigan
head football coach &
Mentor Michigan spokesman



Mentor Michigan helps provide financial support to mentoring organizations throughout the state.

- 35 Michigan Mentoring Month mini-grants, valued at **\$15,000**, were awarded to recruit, recognize, and celebrate mentors in 2010.
- The Mentor Michigan College Coaching Corps utilizes **\$650,000** in federal funds and 50 Michigan's AmeriCorps members to expand and strengthen mentoring programs and college access in the state.
- **\$494,893** in federal funds from the Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention were obtained for Michigan State University Extension's Journey 4-H Youth Mentoring Program in Muskegon and Ottawa Counties.

Mentor Michigan has developed five key goals to drive future endeavors. They include:

1. **Promote awareness** and build the youth mentoring movement as not just nice, but necessary.
2. **Address underserved populations and communities** to increase the number and quality of mentoring relationships.
3. **Increase the capacity** of mentoring organizations to provide high quality and effective programs to more youth.
4. **Connect resources and increase funding** for mentoring organizations to sustain Mentor Michigan.
5. **Develop and create a clearinghouse** to locate and disseminate local, state, and national youth mentoring specific information.

"I am happy and thankful [my mentor] has taken the time and interest in being a mentor to me and I really believe this has helped me grow into a better student and a better person. I'm hoping that one day I might be able to do that for someone."

Austin Jarvis
2011 Lloyd Carr MVP
Mentoring Award Winner

"Mentor Michigan, and its statewide network of programs, is building the youth mentoring movement in Michigan by promoting awareness and *Quality Program Standards*. The organization's groundbreaking research on Return on Investment provided by mentoring programs will significantly grow the movement and give many more young people a chance for success in school and in life - thanks to the showcasing of key outcomes of mentoring relationships."

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